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Air Force Denies Attempt to Get all Space Work

White Tells Panel the Job 'Is Plenty Big' for Both
Military and Civilians

Backs Pentagon Shift

Chief of Staff also Asserts That Army and Navy Will Continue in Roles

--by Jack Raymond Special to the N.Y.T.
Washington, March 18--The Chief of Staff of the AF assured Congress today that the military was not seeking to take over civilian space projects.

He also sought to quiet an uproar over AF dominance of space research at the Pentagon.

The AF Chief, Gen. Thomas D. White, testified before the House Science and Astronautics Committee in an unusual Saturday ~~morning~~ hearing. The mtg was prompted by a Pentagon decision to award most military space-research responsibilities to the AF.

Gen White described the decision as an attempt to clarify space-research responsibilities.

Under questioning, the AF chief said he saw no reason to combine military and civilian space efforts, "The job is plenty big for both of us," he said.

He was also questioned on a statement attributed to him that the military forces wld inevitably take over all space projects, including those sponsored by the specially created civilian agency the N A S A.

General White confirmed the existence of a memo that he had written on the subject, but he said "absolutely not" when asked if it meant that he was advocating a military assumption of civilian space responsibilities.

An undercurrent in the House committee's hearings, which began yesterday, was the rising agitation over whether the uniformed military leaders were being bypassed in major Pentagon decisions by the Kennedy Administration.

A memo by Gen. Lemnitzer, chairman of the JCS, discussing the wisdom of turning over most space-research programs to the AF, has been cited as an indication that military men are being edged out of decision-making responsibilities.

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"Time precluded a development of a view by the JCS" Gen L observed in discussing the research plan.

Although the service chiefs will undoubtedly have their views reflected in the comments of their respective service Secretaries, I feel that in general the JCS shld be given a full opportunity to study carefully matters of this sort which have a far-reaching military implication."

The Chairman of the JCs who objected to the research decision four days before it was issued last March 6, is expected to be called before the House committee to testify.

In today's session, General White emphasized that the decision giving his service the dominant role in space research would not change the space role of the Army and Navy.

In particular, he emphasized that the Navy would control its Polaris missile, designed for submarine launchings, and that the Army wld retain authority over the Nike Zeus anti-missile missile that it is developing.

Rep Brooks dem of La and chairman of the House committee said the Army and Navy research chiefs wld be asked for their views Monday. Army and Navy sources have indicated their disapproval.

Gen White said that within 36 hrs of the issuance of the research directive by SecDef McNamara he called in his leading military cdrs. "I told my commanders that we were going to bend over backwards to meet our responsibilities to the Army and Navy under the directive," the Air Force chief testified.

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Lt. Gen. Bernard A. Schriever, head of the A R and D C testified with Gen White. He is scheduled to take over the new AF SC on Apr 1, as part of a major reorganization of the AF space programs.

The new org will have the foll maj divisions:
The Ballistic Missile Division, made up of elements of the ARDC ballistic missile divisions and the Air Materiel Command Ballistic Missile Center, which have been operating together at Inglewood, Calif. It will also include the Ballistic Missile Office of the Army Corps of Engineers, which has been responsible for missile site construction.

The Space Systems Division, composed of the elements of the development command and the missile center that are not incorporated in the Ballistic Missile Division. The Aeronautical Systems Division at WPAFB, Dayton, combining the Wright Air Development Command Division and the Materiel Command's Aeronautical Systems Center. The Combined Electronics Systems Div at Hanscom Field near Boston, and the Materiel Command's Electronics Division also at Hanscom.

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When Gen White was asked about his reported comment that the military would inevitably take over civilian space programs, he observed that he had written a memorandum recognizing the possibility and not advocating it.

The memo it was said was part of an effort to overrule Gen Schriever and pledge full AF cooperation.

Officers are named.

Washington, March 18. The AF named today the officers who will head the various sections of the new AF Systems Command.

The org headed by Gen Schriever with hqs at nearby Andrews AFB will have over-all responsibility for missile development and procurement.

Following are the assignments announced today:

M/G Howell M. Estes, Asst Dep COS for Ops to be Dep Cdr for the Aerospace Systems.

M/G Joseph R. Holzapple, Cdr of the ADD at WPAVB, to be Asst Dep Cdr for the Aerospace Systems.

M/G Clyde H. Mitchell, head of the Electronics Systems Center at Hanscom Field, Mass, to be Dep Chief of Staff of Materiel of the AFSC.

M/G Thomas P. Gerrity, Cdr of the BM Center at Inglewood, to be Cdr of the Ballistic Systems Div.

M/G ~~Osmond~~ J. Ritland, Ch of the BMD, to be Cdr of the SSD.

B/G Robert E. Greer, VCDR for Satellite Systems at El Segundo, to be Dep Cdr of the SSD.

M/G Waymond A. Davis, Ch of the Aeronautical Systems Center at WP to be Cdr of the Aeronautical Systems Division.

M/G Kenneth P. Bergquist, Ch of the Command and Control Devel Div at Hanscom, to be Cdr of the Electronics System Division.

M/G Daniel E. Hooks, now Cdr of the AF Research Div here will head the Office of Aerospace Research.

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